Teen Reports Sexual Assault Allegedly Occurred During Foster Placement

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A report received by the Scioto County Sheriff's Office is prompting an investigation into allegations that a teenager was sexually assaulted while in foster care approximately two years ago.

According to the incident report, Adams County Children Services contacted Scioto County authorities after receiving information from a juvenile currently in their custody.

The child reported being sexually assaulted while living in a foster placement.

Because the alleged assault may have occurred in either Scioto County or Lawrence County, authorities are working to determine where the incident took place and which agency will ultimately handle the investigation.

🚨 ALLEGATIONS SURFACED YEARS LATER

According to the report, the alleged incident occurred roughly two years ago.

The victim is now a teenager and currently remains in the custody of Adams County Children Services.

Deputies took information for a report and documented the allegations.

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No arrests have been made, and no criminal charges have been filed at this time.

⚠️ DELAYED REPORTING IS COMMON

Experts say it is not unusual for child victims to wait months or even years before disclosing abuse.

Children may delay reporting because of:

- Fear of retaliation
- Confusion about what happened
- Feelings of shame or guilt
- Concerns about getting someone in trouble
- Trauma associated with the event

For that reason, many investigations begin long after the alleged incident occurred.

👀 FOSTER CARE CASES CAN INVOLVE MULTIPLE AGENCIES

When allegations involve foster placements, investigations often require coordination between:

- Children's services agencies
- Law enforcement agencies
- Prosecutors
- Medical professionals
- Victim advocates

Jurisdiction can also become complicated when a child has lived in multiple counties or when the location of the alleged offense is unclear.

At this point, deputies have taken information and the matter remains under investigation.

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